1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
30. Chandigarh	3806	2876	2606	1000	2806	2762	2374	742
31.D&N Haveli	349	465	478	127	338	509	547	31
32. Daman & Diu	261	313	288	11	269	332	325	39
33. Delhi	49137	44572	41272	14139	47404	40855	24319	11740
34. Lalshadweep	53	15	7	7	31	8	10	5
35. Pondicherry	4437	6735	6600	3849	4517	.5977	5482	3375
TOTAL (UTs)	58651	55561	51816	19245	56009	51296	34010	16099
TOTAL (All-India)	1780330	2696543	2595313	681384	1683740	2473183	2326123	61836

Source: Cnme in India.

Note: NA stands for data not available; figures of 2003 are provisonal.

Protecting customary laws of Kodavas in Karnatalu

2129. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Constitution to give protection for customary laws and distinctive religious practices of Kodavas in Karnataka; and

(b) if not, whether Government would take steps to insert a separate clause under Articte 371 on lines similar to those for the Nagas and Mizos to protect Kodavas' distinctive identity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Union Government is not contemplating to amend the Constitution in this regard.

Meeting of Coordination Committee on Naxalism

2130. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 16th meeting of the Coordination Committee on Naxalism held on 4th December, 2004, discussed various aspects of the problem relating to growing activities of naxalism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee discussed in its said meeting the striving influence of maoist rebels in Nepal and its implications in the border States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The 16th Meeting of the Coordination Centre reviewed the naxalite scenario in the country and discussed security as well as socio-economic issues to deal effectively with the problem of naxalism. It, *inter alia,* discussed the implications of increased activities of the CPN (Maoist) Nepal along Indo-Nepal Border on security in the States bordering Nepal.

In view of the above, the States bordering Nepal have been advised to be vigilant and step up surveillance to check spillover of CPN (Maoist)'s activities to our territory.

Peace talks for peace process in NE

2131. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether agency/organization has been identified with whom, Government propose to hold dialogue for initiating peace process in the North-East Region with special reference to Manipur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the discussion are likely to take place so as to ensure that tension in the region could be defused without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government has entered into ceasefire/ suspension of operations with several groups from North East Region *viz.* National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah), National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) National Liberation Front of Tripura (Nayan Bashi), Achik National Volunteers' Council, United People's Democratic Solidarity & Dima Halam Daogah. However, no militant outfits from Manipur
have come forward for peace talks till now.

(b) Peace talks with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah) NSCN(I/M) are inconclusive. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Dialogue process with Hurriyat Leaders

2132. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister had recently visited Jammu and Kashmir to